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Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal

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Application Number	10/600,100
Filing Date	06/20/2003
First Named Inventor	Michael R. Reeder
Art Unit	1626
Examiner Name	Saeed, Kamal A.
Attorney Docket Number	02-398-B

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

- b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
Copies of 3 References, Fee Transmittal, and
other Return Receipt Postcard

iii. Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. other

2. Miscellaneous

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for

- a. period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayments to

- a. Deposit Account No. 13-2490 I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.1 7(e)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.1 36 and 1.17)
iii. Other _____
b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP

CERTIFICATE MAILING

I hereby certify that, under 37 CFR § 1.10, I directed that the correspondence identified above be deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date indicated below. Express Mail No. EV565833157US.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature		Date	April 24, 2006
Name (Print/Type)	Bradley W. Crawford	Registration No.	50,494

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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEES TRANSMITTAL

for FY 2006

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$790.00)

Complete If Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check Credit Card Money Order None Other (please identify): _____

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 For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION (All the fees below are due upon filing or may be subject to a surcharge.)

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=	

Multiple Dependent Claims	
Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP =	x	=	

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/50 =	(round up to a whole number)	x	=

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request For Continued Examination

790.00

5. The Commissioner is hereby generally authorized under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any future reply in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor, and the Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2490 for any fee that may be due in connection with such a request for an extension of time.

SUBMITTED BY

Signature		Registration No. 50,494 (Attorney/Agent)	Telephone 312-913-0001
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